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SUMMARY

1. [redacted] there are four missile transporters, presumably with missiles, and 17 missile erectors at Mariel. They are standing near Soviet ships tied up in the port.

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2. [redacted] yesterday observed the movement of Soviet personnel and equipment toward the ports of Mariel and Havana. [redacted] Soviet trucks shuttle along the road linking the Guanajay sites with Mariel, the trucks reaching Mariel being loaded with crates and those returning being empty.

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3. A shipment of IL-28s, now known to have reached Cuba in late October, brings the count on these aircraft to at least [redacted]

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5. There are indications in Soviet propaganda that Moscow will do its best to delay on the issue of UN inspection and verification in Cuba.

6. Peiping's displeasure with Moscow's Cuban policy is showing even more clearly.

7. No significant changes have been noted in the disposition of major Soviet and satellite military forces.

8. ~~There is evidence that the first Soviet ship capable of loading ballistic missiles is heading toward Cuba.~~

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